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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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FOR USADB

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 040455 ACTION SEOUL FEBURARY 28TH:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, KS

SUBJ: COOI WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SEOUL

1. JOHN REISERT OF BIF (RHODE ISLAND) HAS CONTACTED
COMMERCE IN REFERENCE TO ADB PROJECT LOAN 64-KOR.
COMMERCE BELIEVES JIM THOMAS OF USAID ALREADY AWARE
PROBLEM BUT FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATON, SITUATION AS
FOLLOWS AS REPORTED BY REISERT:

A) BIF WAS AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GOOI WATER

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TREATMENT PLANT EQUIPMENT ITEM 2-1 THROUGH 2-8

IN INVITATION NUMBER ADB/L-73163-PII AS LOW
BIDDER.

B) ADB HIRED FRENCH ENGINEERING FIRM TO
EVALUATE AWARDS.

C) FRENCH ENGINEERING FIRM OVERTURNED ALL FOUR
PHASES OF AWARD AND RECOMMENDED THAT FRENCH
FIRM C.T.E. BE AWARDED ALL FOUR PHASES EVEN
THOUGH C.T.E. WAS NOT LOW BIDDER AND IN FACT
ITS EQUIPMENT DID NOT EVEN MEET SPECIFICATIONS.

D) REISERT HAS REPORTED THE BELIEF OF HIS
AGENT IN SEOUL THAT UNDUE INFLUENCE HAS BEEN
BROUGHT TO BEAR BY C.T.E. UPON BOTH THE FRENCH
ENGINEERING FIRM WHICH WAS THE EVALUATOR AND
UPON THE ADB.

E) REISERT ALSO REPORTS THAT THE CITY OF
SEOUL IS UPSET BY THE AWARD BECAUSE EXISTING
WATER TREATMENT PLANT IS EQUIPPED BY B.I.F.
AND THE KOREANS ARE ALREADY TRAINED ON THAT
EQUIPMENT.

2. REISERT TELEXING REX BEECH AT ADB TODAY. ALSO
PLANS TO GO TO SEOUL AND MANILA IF DEVELOPMENTS
INDICATE NECESSITY OF TRIP.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY INVESTIGATE INFO REPORTED IN PARA
ONE FOR ACCURACY. IF EVENTS ARE AS STATED, REQUEST
EMBASSY INDICATE TO APPROPRIATE ADB PERSONNEL THE
CONCERN OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OVER AWARD TO C.T.E. CASEY
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